Kudos on accomplishments

Congratulations to Dr. Brion Benninger, MD MSc, Professor and Vice Chair of Medical Anatomical Sciences, for being named the 2011-2012 Educational Scholar of the Year. This honor was voted on by COMP-Northwest faculty and presented at the End of the Year Celebration on Monday, June 11. The award was given to Dr. Benninger in appreciation for going above and beyond assigned duties; commitment to innovation in scholarship, research and service; and modeling a commitment to lifelong learning. Dr. Benninger was very honored and acknowledged his immediate colleagues at COMP-Northwest and Western University for making him a better educator.

Dr. Benninger was also named Clinical Faculty of the Year, an award that was voted on by students at both the Lebanon and Pomona campuses. The award is given to a clinical faculty member from the students in appreciation of the recipient’s “dedication, commitment, and tireless work to ensure year one students are taught and trained with the highest level of academic excellence.” Dr. Benninger acknowledged his appreciation for the professionalism and dedicated work from all of the students from both campuses. In particular, he wanted to commend the COMP-Northwest students for their commitment and loyalty, and specifically thank Dr. Paul Aversano, Dr. Robyn Dreibelbis, and Dr. John Pham, who continue to raise the academic bar for teaching excellence to students.

COMP-Northwest congratulates Philip Brownell, PhD, for earning two awards at the End of the Year Celebration on Monday, June 11. Dr. Brownell was honored with the COMP-Northwest Outstanding Cross Campus Colleague Faculty Award. The criteria for the award is “overall outstanding team player and collaborator. Treats all colleagues with respect and holds value for the opinions of others. Consistently works to ensure that voices are heard on both campuses.” The award was voted on by COMP faculty members.

Dr. Brownell was also recognized as COMP-Northwest’s Basic Science Faculty of the Year. The award is given “in appreciation of dedication, commitment, and tireless work to ensure year 1 students are taught and trained with the highest level of academic excellence.” Dr. Brownell was overwhelmed with appreciation during his acceptance.

Jared Cox, Client Technology Analyst at COMP-Northwest, was given the COMP-Northwest Staff Member of the Year award at the celebration. Jared’s colleagues honored him as the “staff member who goes above and beyond assigned duties in all respects to maximize serving through his/her role. Staff member deserves recognition for consistent demonstration of such extraordinary effort and commitment.”